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SUBJ: CONGRESSMAN FAUNTROY MEETING WITH AFDB PRESIDENT LABIDI

1. CONGRESSMAN FAUNTROY ACCOMPANIED BY BISHOPS PERRY AND  
DUNSTAN CALLED ON PRESIDENT LABIDI OF AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT  
BANK DECEMBER 7 TO DISCUSS (1) BANK'S ROLE IN DEALING WITH  
SAHEL DROUGHT PROBLEMS AND (2) QUESTION OF US CONTRIBUTION  
TO BANK'S SPECIAL FUND (WHICH WILL BE PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF  
FUNDS FOR BANK-SUPPORTED PROJECTS IN SAHEL). CONGRESSMAN  
ASSURED LABIDI HE WOULD EMPLOY HIS EFFORTS TO INSURE US  
TOOK PROPER COGNIZANCE OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN BOTH REGARDS.

2. BOTH EMBASSY AND LABIDI PROVIDED CONGRESSMAN WITH BACK-  
GROUND ON AFDB'S APPROACH TO SAHEL PROBLEMS, INCLUDING LIST OF  
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PROPOSED PROJECTS TO BE SUPPORTED BY SPECIAL FUND. LABIDI

LAMENTED LACK OF COORDINATION. COMPLEXITY AND OVERLAP IN INTERNATIONAL APPROACH TO SAHEL EMERGENCY, MENTIONING PARTICULARLY INEFFICACY UN COORDINATION. HE FELT US SHOULD TAKE MORE FORCEFUL ROLE IN GALVANIZING INTERNATIONAL EFFORT. LABIDI SAID US SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON THREE ASPECTS OF PROBLEM:

(1) CONTINUING FOOD CRISIS. COUNTRIES OF SAHEL WOULD NEED FURTHER 1.5 MILLION (SIC) TONS OF RELIEF GRAIN BEFORE 1975 HARVEST;  
(2) REHABILITATION, INCLUDING IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS AND HEALTH MEASURES;

(3) RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, WITH PARTICULAR FOCUS ON TECHNOLOGICAL KNOW-HOW US CAN BRING TO BEAR ON SAHEL RESOURCES. LABIDI SAID WATER WAS SAHEL'S GREATEST NEED AND WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAP AND DEVELOP (THROUGH SUCH MIRACLES AS SATELLITE PHOTOGRAPHY) UNDERGROUND WATER RESOURCES SO SAHEL COULD DEVELOP IRRIGATED CULTIVATION, RELIEVING DEPENDENCE ON UNCERTAIN RAINFALL.

3. AS FOR US CONTRIBUTION TO AFDB SPECIAL FUND, CONGRESSMAN VOLUNTEERED HE FOUND PROPOSED \$15 MILLION OVER THREE YEARS SMALL IN CONTRAST WITH SUMS BEING DISCUSSED FOR IDA AND INTERAMERICAN AND ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANKS. LABIDI READILY AGREED AND RECALLED THAT IN LATE SIXTIES US DISCUSSED CONTRIBUTION OF \$60 MILLION. CONGRESSMAN THOUGHT US CONTRIBUTION OF \$50 OR \$60 MILLION WOULD BE MORE LIKE IT.

4. CONGRESSMAN SAID HE FOUND DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT LABIDI EXTREMELY HELPFUL AND PROMISED TO DO HIS UTMOST WHEN BACK IN US TO BRING GREATER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ATTENTION TO BEAR ON AFRICAN NEEDS.  
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